



PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME

2026

ENGLISH FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING & PRESENTATIONS

Mini Group 10 lessons per week



COURSE DESCRIPTION



The **English for Public Speaking & Presentations** programme is designed to develop students' confidence and effectiveness in delivering presentations in English. It combines practical skills training, exposure to authentic models (such as TED Talks), and hands-on presentation practice. Students will learn how to prepare and structure talks, engage audiences, use visuals and stories for impact, and deliver presentations with confidence and clarity. Each week emphasises a different dimension of public speaking, building toward a final individual presentation where students showcase their learning.

The course integrates Keynote and Presenting in English materials with supplementary resources. Students will practice through mini-presentations, pair and group work, and guided feedback. By the end of the program, learners will be able to deliver well-structured, engaging, and persuasive presentations in academic and professional contexts.

This programme can be booked **independently** or in addition to a **morning 20 lessons course**, such as General 20, Exam Preparation 20, Academic English 20 or Business English 20. Check the availability of these programmes with the school.

LESSON SCHEDULE



LONDON CENTRAL

Lessons are Monday to Friday, from 2:00PM to 3:40PM.

TORONTO

Lessons are Monday to Thursday, from 2:00PM to 4:05PM.

AUCKLAND

Lessons are Monday to Friday, from 1:45PM to 3:30PM.

NEW YORK

Lessons are Monday to Thursday, from 2:00PM to 4:05PM.



COURSE DETAILS

LESSONS:	COURSE LENGTH:	MINIMUM LEVEL:	CLASS SIZE:
10 afternoon lessons a week (8.33 hours of teacher contact time)	1-4 weeks	B1 Intermediate (B2+ recommended)	London Central and Toronto: Max. 5 students Auckland: Max. 6 students

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	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4 OR DAYS 4-5 (DEPENDING ON LOCATION)
MODULE 1: Purpose & Audience	<p>Focus skill: Types of presentation and identifying purpose</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Bill & Melinda Gates, Janet Echelman and Elevator pitch examples</p> <p>Key Activities & Tasks: Needs analysis, set up individual project, practice elevator pitch and mini-presentation</p>	<p>Focus skill: Creating a main message and structuring a talk</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Amy Cuddy and Julian Treasure</p> <p>Key Activities & Tasks: Outline & short talk on 'How I learned English' or intro on 'Why we need quiet places'</p>	<p>Focus skill: Knowing your audience</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Colin Stokes and Andy Puddicombe</p> <p>Key Activities & Tasks: Reflection tasks and mini-presentation: describe a memorable event</p>	<p>Focus skill: Involving the audience</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Kelly McGonigal and Gavin Pretor-Pinney</p> <p>Key Activities & Tasks: Rapport-building activities; mini-presentation: overcoming a challenge</p>
MODULE 2: Structure	<p>Focus skill: Introductions</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Pamela Meyer and Kenneth Shonzuka</p> <p>Activities & Tasks: Practice effective openings; mini-presentation: something I love to do</p>	<p>Focus skill: Conclusions</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Haas & Hahn, Anne Curzan and Julian Treasure</p> <p>Activities & Tasks: Draft conclusions; mini-presentation: improving a local area</p>	<p>Focus skill: Signposting</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Sanjay Dastoor</p> <p>Activities & Tasks: Practice signposting; mini-presentation on transport innovation</p>	<p>Focus skill: Giving examples</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Navi Radjou</p> <p>Activities & Tasks: Group presentation: illustrate an idea with a supporting example</p>
MODULE 3: Creating Impact	<p>Focus skill: Commenting on visuals</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Derek Sivers, Vijay Kumar and Tom Wujec</p> <p>Activities & Tasks: Practice with visuals; mini-presentation: present a graph or chart</p>	<p>Focus skill: Using stories</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Pico Iyer, May El-Khalil and Chimamanda Adichie</p> <p>Activities & Tasks: Prepare personal story or generational comparison with examples</p>	<p>Focus skill: Giving a demonstration</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Rana el Kalioub and Michael Pritchard</p> <p>Activities & Tasks: Mini-presentation: demonstrate a process; group idea for emotion-sensing device</p>	<p>Focus skill: Persuasive techniques</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Elora Hardy</p> <p>Activities & Tasks: Mini-presentation: persuasive talk on benefits of a specific idea</p>
MODULE 4: Delivery	<p>Focus skill: Controlling nerves</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Joe Kowan</p> <p>Activities & Tasks: Pair work: mini-presentation on strategies for stage fright</p>	<p>Focus skill: Pace and emphasis</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Del Harvey, Margaret Heffernan and Dan Barber</p> <p>Activities & Tasks: Mini-presentation: talk on a risk or vary pace in TED excerpt</p>	<p>Focus skill: Body movement and gesture</p> <p>TED Talk(s) / Media: Melissa Marshall, David Sengeh and Sugata Mitra</p> <p>Activities & Tasks: Mini-presentation: describe a school attended; monitored project rehearsal</p>	<p>Focus skill: Final presentations</p> <p>Activities & Tasks: Individual final presentation on student's chosen topic</p>

MODULES & 2026 START DATES	LONDON CENTRAL lon@lsi.edu	TORONTO tor@lsi.edu	NEW YORK nyc@lsi.edu	AUCKLAND auc@lsi.edu
MODULE 1	Jan 5 th , Jun 29 th , Sep 1 st *	Jan 5 th , Jun 29 th , Sep 8 th *	Jan 5 th , Jun 29 th , Sep 8 th *	Sep 7 th
MODULE 2	Jan 12 th , Jul 6 th , Sep 7 th	Jan 12 th , Jul 6 th , Sep 14 th	Jan 12 th , Jul 6 th , Sep 14 th	Sep 14 th
MODULE 3	Jan 19 th , Jul 13 th , Sep 14 th	Jan 19 th , Jul 13 th , Sep 21 st	Jan 19 th , Jul 13 th , Sep 21 st	Sep 21 st
MODULE 4	Jan 26 th , Jul 20 th , Sep 21 st	Jan 26 th , Jul 20 th , Sep 28 th	Jan 26 th , Jul 20 th , Sep 28 th	Sep 28 th
Price PER WEEK	GBP£ 410	CA\$ 650	US\$ 655	NZ\$ 795
<i>Contact us for information on special discounts</i>				

Modules are subject to change

*Start date: Due to public holiday